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Public Health Department,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE, Cheshire.

BOROUGH OF HYDE

ANNUAL REPORT

of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the year
1969

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SECTION I

BOROUGH OF HYDE HEALTH COMMITTEE

(31st December, 1969)

Chairman: Councillor E.C. Clark.

His Worship the Mayor: (Alderman H.M. Edwardes-Evans M.C.)

Alderman W. Barton.

Councillor I. Stopford.

" J.B. Keighley.

" A. Eddowes.

" Mrs. M. Lucas.

" J.G. Lucas.

" J.F. Sefton.

" K. Ward.

" Dr. W.H. Jones.

STAFF OF THE BOROUGH OF HYDE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH:	A.S. Darling, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H. (resigned 31.12.69).
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:	T. Nicholson (retired 31.10.69). A. Blackhurst (commenced 1.11.69).
DEPUTY CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:	A. Blackhurst (resigned 31.10.69). M.J. Green (commenced 3.11.69).
ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:	J.E. Williams. M. Kippax.
MEAT INSPECTORS:	C. Seddon. H. Parker. G.B. Beard. W.C. Newman.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANT (SMOKE CONTROL)	B. Selby.
OTHER CLERICAL STAFF:	H. Creathorn.
PUPIL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS:	H.J. Gee. M.J. Rhodes.

HYDE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

(CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL)

Members of the Divisional Health Committee

As on 31st December, 1969

CHAIRMAN

Mrs. R.M. Frost

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

Councillor W. Barton

EX OFFICIO: County Alderman Sir G. Astbury (Chairman, County Health Committee).
County Councillor A. Richardson (Deputy Chairman, County Health Committee).

COUNTY COUNCIL:	W. Barton Esq., F.C. Couzens Esq.,	Mrs. M. Bayes G.A. Young Esq., T. Langford Esq.,
HYDE BOROUGH COUNCIL:	H.M. Edwardes-Evans Esq., H. Hibbert Esq., E.C. Clark Esq., A. Cryer Esq., Dr. W.H. Jones,	D. Lancashire Esq., J.G. Lucas Esq., Mrs. M. Lucas F.M. Mullings Esq., G. Robinson Esq.,
TINTWISTLE R.D.C.	C.L. Whiting Esq.,	
LONGDENDALE U.D.C.	P.J. Leigh Esq.,	E. Mercer Esq.,
CO-OPTED MEMBERS	Mrs. R.M. Frost representing Mrs. M. Mercer " Mrs. B.A. Beever " Mrs. A. Heaton " Dr. J.C.B. Bennett " Mrs. G.R. Adamson " Mrs. E.C. Clark " Dr. S.H. Jackson "	Longdendale U.D.C. Divisional Executive for Education Tintwistle R.D.C. District Nursing Association Local Medical Panel Committee Hyde Borough Council " " " Ashton, Hyde and Glossop Hospital Management Committee

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CLERK TO THE
COMMITTEE

Charles E. Spence Esq.

STAFF OF HYDE DIVISIONAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL
MEDICAL SERVICES OF THE CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

<u>Divisional Medical Officer</u> <u>and School Medical Officer</u>	* A.S. Darling, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H. (Resigned 31.12.1969)
<u>Assistant County Medical Officer</u>	Jean M. Halliwell, M.B., ChB., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.Obst., R.C.O.G., D.C.H.
<u>Dental Surgeon</u>	Miss L. Kippen, L.D.S., D.P.D.
<u>Consultant Anaethetist</u>	Dr. C.A. Mays, M.B., ChB.
<u>Divisional Administrative</u> <u>Assistant</u>	B. Gorman Esq.,
<u>Clerical Staff</u>	Mrs. S. Wilson. Mrs. B.L. Robertson. Mrs. I. Greenhalgh. Miss S.M. Turner. Miss J. Charlton. Miss M.M. Givens. Mrs. G. Starbuck-Ashton. Mrs. M. O'Connell. Mrs. E. Bryant. Mrs. A.L. Gratton. Mrs. B.A. Marshall.
<u>Health Visitors/School Nurses</u>	Miss M. Taylor - (Group Adviser 1.6.69) Mrs. J. Beaumont Miss C. Giles (Commenced 11.8.69) Miss P.A. Morgan (" 16.6.69) Miss M.B. Jordan (" 16.6.69) Mrs. H.T. Scott Miss M. Morris Mrs. K. Whyatt Miss W. Watkins
<u>District Nurses - Hyde</u>	Mr. S. Steeles Miss E. Ramsden Miss G. McClean Miss N. McClean Mrs. M.C. Scott (part-time staff in addition)
<u>District Nurse - Mottram and</u> <u>Broadbottom</u>	Mrs. B. Scott
<u>District Nurse - Hollingworth</u> <u>and Tintwistle</u>	Mrs. M.A. Clarke

Midwives

Mrs. E. Hudson Mrs. K.O'Grady
Mrs. M. Williams Mrs. Y.Sidebottom (Resigned
Mrs. M. Slack 2.9.69)
Mrs. H.B. Parris

Clinic Nurses

Mrs. D. Farmer
Mrs. A. Brough

Adult Training Centre
Superintendent

L.S.C. Thorpe Esq.,

Junior Training Centre
Supervisor

Mrs. A.E. Glover (Commenced 1.4.69)

Domestic Help Supervisor

Mrs. F.M. Partridge

Occupational Therapist

Mrs. S.M. Lewis

Clinical Specialist attending Clinics at
the Division

Orthopaedic Surgeon

Mr. V.H. Wheble, F.R.C.S. (Wednesday A.M. weekly)
Mr. M. Dransfield (2nd & 4th Friday P.M.)

Gynaecologist

Mr. J.R.D. Bedford (Tuesday P.M.)

County Oculist

Dr. F.W.C. Brown, M.B., ChB., D.P.H.

Practitioners attending Clinics on
Sessional basis

Central Clinic

Dr. M. Feingold and Dr. Z.S. Shaikh (Commenced 1.3.69)

Bayley Hall

Dr. J.M. Halliwell

Gee Cross

Dr. W. Bennett

Longdendale and Tintwistle

Dr. H.F. Sugden and Dr. R. Clark

Hattersley

Dr. I. MacPherson, Dr. D.H. Wickenden, Dr. F.E. Tommey

Senior Mental Welfare
Officer

G.E. Lanceley Esq.,

Senior Speech Therapist

Mrs. R. Eaton (Resigned 31.12.69)

Peripatetic Teacher of
the Deaf

Miss D. Taylor (for children under 7 years)
Mr. T. Harrison (for children 7 years and over)

// Staff of Regional Hospital Board allocated to
specific duties within the Hyde Division

* Part-time Divisional Health, Part-time Borough
Health

Services administered by the Hyde and Longdendale Divisional
Health Committee through powers delegated by the County Council

SECTION II

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Council,

I present for your consideration this Report on the Health of Hyde during 1969. It is a report on the last twelve months of Dr. A.S. Darling's appointment as your Medical Officer and I am, therefore, unqualified and unable to comment on work which is rightly his.

T. Holme, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health. w.e.f. 1. 1. 70.

SECTION III

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area(in acres)	.....	.....	.....	.....	4,170
Population (Census 1961)	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,740
Population (Registrar-General's Estimates for 1969)	.....	.....	.....	.....	38,710
Number of Inhabited Houses as at 31st December, 1969	.....	.....	.....	.....	14,088

LIVE BIRTHS REGISTERED

Legitimate	.....	Males	317	Females	.....	290	Total	607
Illegitimate	.....	Males	35	Females	.....	23	Total	58
								<hr/> 665 <hr/>

Crude Birth Rate.....	Hyde	17.2	England and Wales.....	16.3
	Comparability Factor			1.06
	Local adjusted Birth Rate		.....	18.2

STILLBIRTHS

Legitimate	Males	7	Females	8	Total	15
Illegitimate	Males	-	Females	-	Total	-
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DISCUSSION ON BIRTH RATE

The adjusted birth rate is 18.2 per thousand of the population. This is slightly down on the adjusted birth rate for 1968 which was 18.44 per thousand but is well above the national rate of 16.3 per 1,000.

CAUSES OF DEATH - MALE

CAUSES OF DEATH - MALE	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
B4 Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	6	2	
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(1) Other Endocrine Etc., Diseases	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B23 Anaemias	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(3) Mental Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System etc.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	
B27 Hypertensive Disease	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease	55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	21	21	
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	6	
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	20	20	
B46(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	
B31 Influenza	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
B32 Pneumonia	25	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	14	
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	
B46(6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
B34 Peptic Ulcer	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	
B35 Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
B46(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(10) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
B42 Congenital Anomalies	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	

CAUSES OF DEATH - MALE (CONT'D)	Total all Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B45 Symptoms and ill defined conditions	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
BE48 All Other Accidents	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	
BE50 All Other External Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	247	10	3	2	3	1	2	4	18	45	79	80	

CAUSES OF DEATH - FEMALE

CAUSES OF DEATH - FEMALE	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 weeks and Under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
B4 Enteritis and other Diarrhoeal Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B5 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B16 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B19(2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	6	
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
B19(8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	4	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	3	2	
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	5	1	
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B21 Diabetes Mellitus	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
B46(1) Other Endocrine Etc. Diseases	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	
B23 Anaemias	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3	
B46(3) Mental Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(4) Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	
B26 Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	
B27 Hypertensive Disease	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	3	
B28 Ischemic Heart Disease	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	11	21	
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	16	
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease	69	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	20	39	
B46(5) Other Diseases of Circulatory System	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	
B31 Influenza	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	
B32 Pneumonia	22	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	17	
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	6	
B46(6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B34 Peptic Ulcer	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	
B25 Appendicitis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
B36 Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B46(7) Other Diseases of Digestive System	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	
B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	
B46(8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
B42 Congenital Anomalies	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B43 Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, Etc.	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B44 Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
B45(1) Diseases of Musculo-skeletal System	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	

CAUSES OF DEATH - FEMALE (CONT'D)	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and Under 1 Year	AGE IN YEARS									
				1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75 and over	
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	
BE17 Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
BE48 All other Accidents	6	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	
BE49 Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
BE50 All other External Causes	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	309	8	1	2	-	1	5	3	13	38	73	165	

DEATHS REGISTERED

Males	247	Females	309	Total	556
Death Rate: Hyde	14.4	England and Wales:		11.9	
		Comparability Factor:		0.98	
		Local adjusted Death Rate		14.1	

The total number of deaths registered at all ages was 556 giving a crude death rate of 14.4 per 1,000, compared with the average figure of 13.6 for the previous five years. For comparative purposes with other areas this rate - adjusted by using the comparability figure supplied by the Registrar General - is 14.4 per 1,000 population as against 11.9 for the whole country.

Approximately 70 per cent of the deaths occurred in persons over pensionable age, the actual figure being:-

	M		F	
	No.	%	No.	%
Deaths under 65 years of age	88	35	71	23
Deaths between 65 and 74 years of age	79	32	73	24
Deaths 75 years and over	80	33	165	53
Totals	247	100	309	100

INFANT AND PERINATAL MORTALITY RATES

The number of infants who died under the age of 12 months was 22 revealing an infant mortality rate of 33 per 1,000 births. There were 15 still-births during the year giving a still-birth rate of 22 per 1,000. As an indication of the risk of child-birth it is useful to consider the Peri-natal mortality, i.e. still-births plus infant deaths in the first week of life. With this standard the Hyde figure is 44.00 per 1,000.

SECTION IV

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hyde.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my report on the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors' section of the Health Department during 1969, my appointment to succeed Mr. Nicholson having taken place on the 1st November, 1969.

The work carried out during the year increased as a result of a full staff establishment of Public Health Inspectors and Meat Inspectors.

In slum clearance 238 unfit houses have been represented and the completion of the modification of fireplaces in Smoke Control Area No.6 has been carried out. In the clean air field the conversion of the towns gas supply to North Sea Gas has emphasized the Gas Board's warning of their intention to cease production of soft gas coke during 1970.

Day to day meat inspection in the slaughterhouse of Messrs. T. Wall & Son (Meat & Handy Foods) Ltd. has continued with slight increases in the number of pigs slaughtered and bacteriological specimens taken in checking the hygiene in the slaughterhouse and meat factory have been regularly carried out.

Commercial offices, retail shops, food and refreshment premises have received routine inspections and the number of detailed inspections of houses in connection with mortgages under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act and Improvement Grants has increased.

During 1969 both Dr. Darling and Mr. Nicholson retired from the Department and the works they carried out are incorporated in this report.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, to the retired Medical Officer of Health and Chief Public Health Inspector and to staff of the Health Department for co-operation and help.

Your obedient servant,

A. Blackhurst.

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied by Manchester Corporation (Woodhead Supply) and is available to almost every dwelling in the Borough and is satisfactory in quality and quantity. The service reservoirs have all been roofed over, and a new service reservoir to replace Pudding Lane reservoir came into commission in 1965.

The new Godley filtration plant is now completed and in use, which means that all the water supplied to Hyde is now filtered.

A local supply for industrial purposes is stored in small reservoirs in the town and is filtered but considered unfit for domestic use without sterilisation.

17 samples of well water were taken, 10 of which were unsatisfactory. The Manchester Corporation also maintains regular bacteriological and chemical analysis of drinking water, including examination for plumbosolvency.

SEWAGE

Reconstruction to extend the Sewage Works was completed in 1939 involving radial flow sedimentation followed by bacteriological filtration and humus treatment. The works have recently required further extension to accommodate increased industrial flow and overspill development in the Hattersley area. These extensions include sludge digestion as part of the treatment, and they were completed early in 1966.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

The Hyde Corporation Baths were opened on 4th May, 1899 and extended in 1913. Of the two Swimming Pools, one has a capacity of 100,000 gallons and the other 60,000 gallons. There are also two suites of Private Baths - Males 10 and 4 Shower Units and Females 4; and 1 Sauna Unit and Sun-ray Unit, which will accommodate 75 persons a day. All the evening and week-end sessions have been fully booked over the year.

A Municipal Laundry was attached to the Baths in 1955, and completely re-equipped in 1967 with four 25 lbs fully automatic washing machines, two high speed water extractors, two 25 lbs and one 50 lbs tumbler driers. There is also a 60 inch bed rotary ironing machine. There are also four sink units for hand washing if required.

A fenced in play-area is attached to the laundry.

The new heating system which was completed in 1968 has a Marshall Cleaverbrook fully automatic oil fired boiler and provides all steam for hot water and heating requirements.

The Filtration system installed in 1938 consists of two horizontal Pulsometer Filters with a turnover of 3-4 hours for each pool. Each pool has its own chlorinator which operates the breakpoint system with which a free chlorine residual of 2.5 p.p.m. is maintained. The pool water is tested at least four times per day to ensure that it complies with the Ministry's minimum standards.

Two samples of water have been taken with satisfactory results. No B. Coli have been found in any samples taken since June, 1949.

SWIMMING INSTRUCTION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

The Swimming Baths are extensively used by Education Departments for the teaching of swimming to scholars in Hyde, Longdendale, Bredbury and Denton.

Both Swimming Pools are in use from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Monday to Friday inclusive making 106 classes per week. The number of scholars who attended the baths during the 1969 season was over 63,000. Four qualified instructors, two full time and two part time, assisted by the class teachers give swimming instruction. Various tests of ability are carried out from time to time. The test aimed at by most children is the Amateur Swimming Association Personal Survival Awards and also the Royal Life Saving Society Awards. The more competent swimmers, on completing several survival and life saving tests, are awarded free passes for a year.

In the small pool 14 classes of private lessons each day for 5 year olds and upwards are held, for which there is a waiting list of 500. Special "Learn to Swim" crash courses are run during school holidays.

SECTION VI

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The figures given in Tables 1 and 2 reveal the number of cases of infectious disease among the population.

TABLE 1

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1969

Notifiable diseases	Under	1	2	3	4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 24	25 plus	Age Unknown
	1 Year									
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	1	6	1	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	10	9	9	9	24	1	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Respiratory Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	6	-
Other Forms Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	2	-	10	5	2	2	-
	6	10	10	12	10	40	7	10	10	-

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TABLE 2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1960 - 1969

This table indicates the trend of the more common diseases since 1960:-

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>
Scarlet Fever	14	19	48	14	12	31	67	32	21	12
Measles	17	548	69	302	269	113	347	59	147	66
Whooping Cough	29	16	3	7	14	1	5	26	3	1
Tuberculosis of Lungs	8	29	9	6	23	11	6	9	4	10
Tuberculosis of other sites	2	2	2	-	-	1	1	2	2	1
Poliomyelitis	-	2	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE
AND ATTENTION

In urgent cases where removal to hospital is required without delay, action can be taken under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, and an order can be made by a local Justice of the Peace requiring the patient to be taken to hospital or other suitable accommodation. The action is only taken where there is complete lack of home care and where the person refuses all care and attention

HOUSING

SLUM CLEARANCE

Ten Clearance Areas were represented during the year, seven of which were made the subject of a Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Clearance Areas were:-

No. 144	(Travis Street)	-	C.A.No.144/1969	-	4 houses
No. 145	(George Street)	-	C.A.No.145/1969	-	10 houses
No. 146	(George Square)	-	C.A.No.146/1969	-	4 houses
No. 147	(Croft Street)	-	C.P.O.No.54/1969	-	6 houses
No. 148	(Field Street)	-	C.P.O.No.55/1969	-	7 houses
No. 149	(Booth Street)	-	C.P.O. No.56/1969	-	20 houses
No. 150	(Cartwright Street)	-	C.P.O.No.57/1969	-	12 houses
No. 151	(Flowery Field)	-	C.P.O.No.58/1969	-	126 houses
No. 152	(Throstlebank Street)	-	C.P.O.No.59/1969	-	10 houses
No. 153	(Dukinfield Road)	-	C.P.O.No.60/1969	-	25 houses

No objections were made in respect of five areas. In the others five public enquiries have been held. Seven of the Orders have been confirmed and one rescinded.

In addition fourteen Individual Unfit Houses were represented.

STATISTICS

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR

1.	By the Local Authority	-
2.	By other bodies or persons	1

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	3009
	(b)	Number of inspections made for this purpose	4629
2.	(a)	Number of dwelling houses (included under sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	244
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	244
3.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	266
4.		Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	143

REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OR FORMAL NOTICE

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	30
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Proceedings under Public Health Acts:-

(1)	Number of houses in respect of which notices were served	131
(2)	Number of houses in which defects were remedied:-	
	(a) by owners	28
	(b) by Local Authority	68

DEFECTIVE HOUSES. 1934-59 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 Total

Houses demolished or finally closed	922	110	94	185	145	193	237	90	172	92	140	2480
Houses or parts of houses closed or vacated	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	136

NUMBER OF PERSONS DISPLACED FROM HOUSES TO BE DEMOLISHED OR CLOSED

<u>From</u>	<u>Families</u>	<u>Persons</u>
Clearance Areas 1969	42	89
Individual Houses 1969	23	74
Total since inception of programme in 1934	1938	5613

BOROUGH OF HYDE - HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Lettings during calendar year 1969

Transfers	33
Exchanges	13
From unfit houses	65

FROM GENERAL WAITING LIST

Lodgings in council houses	16
Lodgings in private houses	10
Tenants	21
Others	17
Total No. of Families	<u>175</u>

CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

No applications for Certificates of disrepair were received during the year, nor applications for the cancellation of Certificates of Disrepair.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

During the year the following articles were destroyed at the request of their owners, following deaths, long illnesses, or for other reasons -

Beds	280
Bedsteads	112
Mattresses	266
Pillows	66

Three houses were found to be bug infested, and were treated by the Department.

Treatment was also carried out in 17 cases for the eradication of cockroaches from houses and food premises.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

The number of dwellings fitted with closets of the various types at the end of 1969 was approximately:-

W.C's with Cistern flush	W.C's hand flushed and waste water	Privies	Pails	Chemical Closets
13,277	462	9	36	2

In 1948 the Council provided a grant of £5 to be paid towards the cost of converting waste-water closets to cistern-flushed W.C's, and up to the end of the financial year 1962-63, 1,083 grants had been approved. At this stage the Council decided on a policy of compulsory conversion, and in 1968-69 tenders were accepted for the compulsory conversion of 109 waste-water closets,

and in addition there have been 27 voluntary conversions carried out during the year. The new grant for voluntary conversions was fixed at £13 or half the cost of the work, whichever is the lesser. This amount was increased to £15 in December, 1965.

INSPECTION OF THE BOROUGH

The following table has been prepared to show the number and nature of the inspections made during the year, the number and type of notices served, and the result of such notices.

TABLE 4DEFECTS REMEDIED DURING 1969Dwelling houses.

Defective ceiling constructions	2
" plaster	20
" floors	20
" kitchen ranges, fireplaces and flues	1
" Windows and cords	50
" Doors	28
" Staircases	4
" Damp proof courses	19
" Skirting Boards	10
" Water supply	101
" Roofs	32
" External Walls	6
" Pointing and brickwork of walls	12
" Chimneys	7
" Chimney flashings	4
" Rainwater pipes	17
" Eavesgutters	19
" Dustbins and sanitary pails	2
" Drains	68
" Choked W.C.'s	58
" W.C. apparatus	20
" W.C. buildings	28
" Inspection Chambers & Covers	1
" Wastepipes	4
" Yard surfaces	3

<u>Food premises</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Complied with</u>
Washing facilities	41	27
Floors, Walls & ceilings	22	19
Limewashing	-	-
Others	45	39
First Aid Boxes	3	3
Totals	111	88

TABLE 3

STATEMENT OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31st DECEMBER, 1969

NOTICES SERVED AND RESULTS OF SERVICE OF NOTICE

	No. of Inspections	Informal	Stat- utory	Complied with by owner or occupier	Complied with by Corporation in default	Notices out- standing
Noise Abatement	9	2	-	2	-	-
Recorded Housing Insp- ections	244	-	-	-	-	-
Other houses under P.H.A. or H.A.	3009	244	143	226	68	147
Re-visits to property under notice	1620	-	-	-	-	-
Courts, Yards and passages	46	46	-	25	-	21
Pail Closets	20	-	-	-	-	-
Ashbins	1	1	-	1	-	-
Slaughterhouse	610	-	-	-	-	-
Visits re defective water supplies	165	90	-	-	90	-
Ice Cream Premises	18	-	-	-	-	-
Bakehouses	237	16	-	8	-	-
Licenced Premises	185	15	-	10	-	-
Other Food Premises	1355	96	-	63	-	-
Farms	7	-	-	-	-	-
Ice Cream Samples (Methylene Blue)	11	11	-	-	-	-
Water-Bacteriological & Chemical Samples	24	-	-	-	-	-
Smoke Observations & Other smoke visits	5	5	-	5	-	-
Visits and Re-visits re Smoke Control Areas	1195	-	11	11	-	-
Piggeries	7	-	-	-	-	-
Factories with Mech- anical Power	38	5	-	6	-	-
Factories without Mech- anical Power	6	-	-	-	-	-
Infectious Diseases	76	-	-	-	-	-
Verminous Premises	56	1	1	2	56	-
Offensive Trades	5	-	-	-	-	-
Rodent Control	123	-	-	-	-	-
Public Conveniences	117	-	-	-	-	-
Shops O.S.R.P.	48	1	-	17	-	53
W.W.C. Conversions	805	27	108	27	145	-
Diseases of Animals Acts	11	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Removal	285	-	-	-	-	-
Refuse Disposal	424	-	-	-	-	-
Salvage	37	-	-	-	-	-
Movable Dwellings	127	67	-	67	-	-
Committees etc.,	87	-	-	-	-	-
Interviews	415	-	-	-	-	-
Pet Animal Act and Animal Boarding Establishments	13	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	9840	562	263	430	359	267

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION 1969.

Number of pigs killed	273,424
Number of pigs inspected	273,675

All Diseases or Conditions except Tuberculosis

Whole carcasses condemned	643
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	44,882
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	16 $\frac{1}{2}$ %

Tuberculosis only

Whole carcasses condemned	4
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3,902
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.89%

Meat Condemned

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs</u>
Abscesses	52	3	3	21
Arthritis	6	4	3	2
Bruising	7	13	2	20
Cirrhosis & M.S.	25	11	1	4
Enteritis	21	8	2	6
Fever	4	14	1	16
Nephritis		12	1	8
Pericarditis	4	5	3	26
Peritonitis	5	14	3	22
Pleurisy	4	6	2	8
Pneumonia	29	0	1	21
Tuberculosis	29	4	2	17
Urticaria		16	3	17
Damaged in slaughter	2	15	2	26
Septic Arthritis	3	8	0	14
Septic Pleurisy	2	5	0	20
Septic Peritonitis	3	1	1	16
Septic Pneumonia	1	9	0	19
Septic Metritis	2	14	3	3
Septic Enteritis	1	18	3	10
Septic Pericarditis		11	3	27
Septic Mastitis		5	1	17
Jaundice	1	1	3	0
Gangrene	1	12	1	20
Tumours		1	2	8
Pathological Emaciation		4	3	21
Toxaemia		1	0	0
Leukaemia		1	1	18
Anaemia		3	1	24
Septicaemia		14	2	23
Odour		1	1	4
Melanosis				6
Total	214	11	0	12

OTHER FOOD CONDEMNED

Tons Cwts Qrs Lbs

Meat:-

Canned Meat	4	1	10
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Other Food:-

Canned	10	0	6
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14	1	16
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FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960

During the year 1795 visits to food premises were made, particular attention being paid to catering establishments.

The following table shows the number of food premises covered by those Regulations, divided into the various trades, and showing how they comply with Regulations 16 and 19.

Trade Category	Number	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 16	Number to which Reg. 19 applies	Number fitted to comply with Reg. 19
Public Bodies (Hospitals etc)	5	5	5	5
Restaurants and Cafes	17	17	17	17
School Canteens	13	13	13	13
Works Canteens	31	31	31	31
Fried Fish Shops	22	22	22	22
Bakehouses	20	20	20	20
Slaughterhouse)				
Bacon Factory and)	1	1	1	1
Meat Products)				
Wholesale Grocers	4	4	4	4
Retail Grocers	114	114	-	-
Butchers	34	34	34	34
Fishmongers	7	7	7	7
Confectioners	58	58	-	-
Miscellaneous	5	5	-	-
Licensed Premises	48	48	48	48
Beerhouses	12	12	12	12
Clubs	19	19	19	19
Off Licences	27	27	-	-
	437	437	230	230

MILK SUPPLY (REGISTRATION AND LICENCES)

Under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, there are registered 135 Milk Distributors and 15 dairies.

MILK SAMPLING

The County Council, as licensing authority, have taken the following samples in Hyde, and submitted them to the appropriate tests in the Public Health Laboratory in Manchester.

Methylene Blue Test

212 samples of Raw Milk (17 unsatisfactory)

Turbidity Test

19 samples of Sterilised Milk - all satisfactory.

Biological Test

37 samples of raw milk were submitted to biological tests and none were found to contain tubercle bacilli. No sample of raw milk has been found to contain tubercle bacilli since 1959, when there was only one.

Colony Count Test

2 samples of U.H.T. milk were submitted to the colony count test. No sample had a plate count of more than 10.

Brucella

48 bulk samples were submitted for Brucella examination from the "raw milk" herds in the borough, none of which were Brucella positive. 114 Dealer samples were taken of which four were Brucella positive. The four positive samples came from the same farm, which was placed under Pasteurisation Order until the offending cows were traced and removed.

At the end of 1969 there were nine dairy herds in the borough from which milk was sold raw to the public.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in Hyde.

Ice Cream

There are six manufacturers and 162 vendors of ice cream on the register. Of the manufacturers, two manufacture ice cream regularly.

During the year 11 samples were submitted to the Methylene Blue Test. Only one was unsatisfactory.

UN SOUND FOOD COMPLAINTS

From time to time we receive complaints about articles of food bought in shops or at canteens in local factories. In the majority of cases, the complaint is of foreign bodies in the food, and these complaints are passed on to officers of the County Council - the Food and Drugs Authority - who investigates them and takes appropriate action. A list of complaints received in 1969 and the action taken is given below:-

<u>Nature of Complaint</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
1. Nasty taste in tin of peas.	No action - reaction between peas and chlorine in washing water
2. Mouldy Tea.	Caution to sellers.
3. Piece of dirty dough in cottage loaf.	No action.
4. Bird droppings in loaf.	Sellers fined £10.
5. Glass in Milk	Dairy fined £20.
6. Hair in Meat Pie.	Caution to manufacturers.
7. Maggot in chocolate biscuit	Caution to manufacturers.
8. Mould in crumpets.	Caution to manufacturers.
9. Mouldy Sausage Rolls.	Caution to seller.
10. Wasp in can of fruit.	Caution to importers.
11. Caterpillar in tin of peas.	Caution to packers.
12. Mouldy Sausages.	No action.
13. Mouldy Pie.	Sellers fined £10 + £4. 14. Od costs.
14. Foreign matter in pie.	Bakers fined £10 + £4. 14. Od costs.
15. Mouldy Black Puddings.	Caution to seller.
16. Foreign Body in Sausage.	No action.
17. Mouldy Cake.	Caution to manufacturers.
18. Cement in milk bottle.	Caution to dairy.
19. Mouldy Malt cake.	Caution to sellers.
20. Deposit in bottle of milk.	Caution to dairy.
21. Foreign matter in bread.	Manufacturers fined £50 + £4. 14. Od costs.
22. Mould in tin of meat.	Caution to manufacturer.
23. Mouldy loaf.	No action.
24. Maggot in roast ham.	Case dismissed.
25. Hard object in water biscuit.	No action.
26. Maggot in medicine.	No action.
27. Black spots and mould in tinned Pudding.	No action.

SMOKE CONTROL

We have six Smoke Control Orders in operation, viz. No.1 (Cheetham Fold) date of operation 1st June, 1961, and covering 688 premises (677 dwellings); No.2 (Gee Cross) - date of operation 1st October, 1962 and covering 1,702 premises (1,636 dwellings); No.3 (Hattersley) - date of operation 1st September, 1962, and covering 2,085 premises (2,083 dwellings); No.4 (Back Bower) covers 918 premises (885 dwellings); No.5 - date of operation 1st September, 1968 and covering 1,489 premises (1,410 dwellings); No.6 Area date of operation 1st September, 1969 covers 1,002 premises (992 dwellings) and has an area of 680 acres. These six areas cover a total of 2,911 acres. No.7 area was confirmed 25th February, 1970. It covers 2,551 premises (2,028 dwellings) and has an area of 415 acres.

Volumetric Method - Investigation of Atmospheric Pollution

Apparatus for the estimation of the concentration of smoke and sulphur dioxide by the volumetric method is operated in the Health Department, measurements being taken daily. The following table shows the daily mean concentration during each month of 1969.

Estimates of Daily Mean Concentration of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide by the Volumetric Method.

	Smoke Concentration Microgrammes per cub. meter			Sulphur Dioxide Concentration Microgrammes per cub. meter.		
	Average	Highest	Lowest	Average	Highest	Lowest
<u>Health Dept</u>						
January	202	677	46	170	267	105
February	278	1024	52	155	271	119
March	149	326	45	125	188	99
April	148	319	56	89	143	58
May	97	252	36	92	141	74
June	35	84	13	84	115	48
July	39	186	3	76	113	49
August	45	107	10	69	92	41
September	56	211	23	108	137	64
October	112	319	49	118	183	87
November	167	258	53	137	169	116
December	265	603	54	163	364	119

The average daily mean concentrations for 1969 are shown below, compared with corresponding figures for the 7 previous years.

Estimated Daily Mean Concentration of

	<u>Smoke (u gms. per cub. met)</u>	<u>SO₂ (u gms. per cub. met)</u>
<u>Year</u>		
1969	132	115
1968	130	120
1967	133	139
1966	149	124
1965	182	167
1964	226	159
1963	202	169
1962	255	201

It is difficult to make comparison of these figures without taking into account climatic conditions and other factors. But they do suggest that in the town's centre there is a steady diminution of atmospheric pollution.

RODENT CONTROL

Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 the Local Authority is responsible for inspecting the district to discover rodent infestations. The inspection and treatment of business premises, particularly food premises, occupies a large proportion of the time of the rodent operative.

In addition, much work has been done in treating infestations in private dwellings (this work being carried out free of charge); in inspecting Local Authority property and treating where necessary.

The number of premises found to be infested during the year was 416 (228 rats and 188 mice). Of the infestations by mice, none could be classed as "serious". A total of 492 treatments was carried out to deal with these infestations, and the number of visits made was 1,610.

The table on the following page gives details of the work done:-

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

Report for 12 months ending 31st December, 1969.

	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	16,947	32
2. a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	1,019	1
b) No. infested by: i) Rats ii) Mice	219 186	1 -
3. a) Total No. of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification.	27	-
b) No. inspected by: i) Rats ii) Mice	9 2	- -
4. Total No. of infested properties treated.	1,046	1

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION

OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

1- INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	20	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	201	38	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	18	-	-	-
Total	239	44	-	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases).

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	2	3	-	2	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	1	2	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	4	5	-	3	-

3 - OURWORKERS. No new registrations were made during the year.

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

A total of 91 visits were made for all purposes and the following tables show the position concerning premises covered by the act.

Table A

Registration and General Inspections

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of Premises Registered During Year.</u>	<u>Total No. of Premises Registered at end of Year.</u>	<u>No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection During the Year.</u>
Offices	-	64	3
Retail Shops	2	242	6
Wholesale Shops			
Warehouses	1	20	2
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens.	1	2	4
Fuel Storage Depots	-	3	-

Table B

No. of visits for all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises - 91.

Table C

Analysis of Persons Employed

<u>Class of Workplace</u>	<u>No. of Persons Employed</u>	
Offices	610	
Retail Shop	963	
Wholesale Departments, warehouses	212	
Catering Establishments open to the Public	310	
Canteens	6	
Fuel Storage Depots	8	
	<u>2109</u>	
	919	Males
	1190	Females

During 1969 we have followed up the inspection of registered premises which was completed in the previous year by reinspecting those found wanting, and also by inspecting newly registered premises. The table below shows the defects found during the year, and also, the number of defects remedied.

Analysis of Contraventions

Section	No. of Contraventions	
	Found	Remedied
4. Cleanliness	-	13
5. Overcrowding	-	-
6. Temperature	2	6
7. Ventilation	-	-
8. Lighting	1	3
9. Sanitary Conveniences	3	10
10. Washing Facilities	2	5
11. Supply of Drinking Water	-	-
12. Accommodation for Clothing	-	-
13. Sitting Facilities	-	-
14. Seats (Sedentary Works)	-	-
15. Eating Facilities	-	-
16. Floor, Passages and Stairs	1	11
17. Fencing Exposed Parts of Machinery	-	-
24. First Aid - General Provisions	2	6
50. Information for Employees	2	10

Our inspections show that 104 registered premises were found to comply with the requirements of the Act, a further 119 premises have carried out some work at our request to reach the required standard, and a further 148 are under notice to do so. Many of these have done some of the work required.

Our inspection also revealed that 16 occupiers of premises who had sent in registration forms (OSR1) had done so in error or had ceased to come within the scope of the Act when the inspection was made.

Accidents

Three accidents were reported during the year, all of which were fortunately of a minor character. All were investigated, and it was considered that no negligence on the part of the employer was evident in any case.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A regular weekly collection of domestic refuse was again maintained apart from short periods around holidays. This is undoubtedly largely due to the Bin Incentive Bonus Scheme which we have operated since February, 1952. The binmen are required to complete a basic task of 100 bins per man per day, and a bonus of 4d paid for every bin in excess of that figure.

1968

Total Ashbins emptied	964,600
No. of loads of refuse collected	11,458
Estimated weight of refuse collected	27,103

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Refuse was disposed of by controlled tipping at Raglan Street until January, 1966, after which we moved to the Dunkirk Farm Site, where a new depot has been constructed.

In addition to the refuse collected in Hyde, we also disposed of an estimated 2,693 tons of refuse brought in by our neighbours Longdendale U.D.C. who are temporarily without facilities for disposing of their refuse. This arrangement will continue until Longdendale have completed arrangements they are making to cover this service.

SALVAGE

The following are the quantities of salvage material sold during 1969:-

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>
Waste Paper	237	13	2
Bottles	1	9	2
Textiles	1	3	1
Metals	1	8	3

To the Chairman and Members of the Divisional Health Committee.

I have the honour of presenting the Annual Report for 1969.

This report represents the work carried out during Dr. Darlings last year as Divisional Medical Officer. Because of this it would be presumptuous of me to comment on the services he administered. I am sure, however, that the Committee would wish me to place on record its appreciation of the excellent and loyal service given by him during the past six years. He left because he felt he would have a fuller life in general practice and on your behalf and my own I would like to wish him every success in his new sphere of activity.

Immunisation and Vaccination

The Clinics administered by the Divisional Committee and the attendances thereat are as under:-

TABLE 1

(a) <u>Infant Welfare</u>	<u>No. of sessions</u>	<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Ex'd.by Doctor</u>	<u>Average 1969</u>	<u>Attendances prev. 5 years</u>
Hyde(Central Clinic)	58	181	3312	352	57	-
Hyde(Bayley Hall)	30	68	1357	352	47	34
Hyde(Stockport Road)	28	54	1036	124	37	-
Hyde(Hattersley)	57	169	1369	589	24	-
Hollingworth	21	40	859	270	40	50
Tintwistle	15	15	389	62	26	29
Broadbottom	13	21	327	99	25	29

(from 1.1.69 - 31.7.69)

(Information not available in this form after 31.7.69)

A summary of attendances at ante-natal classes for mothers expected to be confined at home is given in Table 1 (b). The attendances have risen over the years and almost every mother who has her baby at home is now being seen. Routine blood specimens are taken; relaxation classes are held and co-operation with family doctors is well maintained.

(b) Mothers

	<u>No. of Sessions</u>	<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Ex'd.by Doctor</u>	<u>Average Attendances</u>
Ante-natal (Domiciliary Cases)	45	117	501	501	12
Ante-natal (Relaxation Classes)	50	193	1243	-	24
Ante-natal (Hattersley)	52	154	1105	-	21
Dental (Expectant and Nursing Mothers)		20	35		

CLINIC CENTRE, HYDE

Tuesday (2nd & 4th)
10.00 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.

Clinic for testing hearing of toddlers.
This is conducted by a specially trained Health Visitor.

Wednesday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic attended by a Medical Officer and two Health Visitors.

Thursday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Ante-natal Clinic for cases who wish to be confined at home. Ceased 30th November 1969.

Thursday (1.30 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Relaxation classes are conducted by Physiotherapists.

" (2.30 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.)

Health Education covered by Health Visitor.

Friday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic attended by a General Practitioner, two Health Visitors and a Clinic Nurse.

HYDE - BAYLEY HALL

Monday (1st & 3rd)
(2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.)

Clinic for testing hearing of toddlers.
This is conducted by a specially trained Health Visitor.

Tuesday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic attended by a Medical Officer, two Health Visitors, and a Clinic Nurse.

HYDE - GEE CROSS

Monday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic at which a General Practitioner, Health Visitor and Clinic Nurse attend.

HYDE - HATTERSLEY

Monday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic and Developmental Paediatric examinations attended by a General Practitioner, two Health Visitors, and a Clinic Nurse.

Tuesday (10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon)

Relaxation Classes. These are conducted by a Health Visitor.

Wednesday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Ante-natal Clinic for cases who wish to be confined at home. A General Practitioner and a Midwife attend.

Thursday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.)

Child Health Clinic and Developmental Paediatric examinations at which a General Practitioner and two Health Visitors attend.

Friday (1st & 3rd)
9.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon

Clinic for testing hearing of toddlers.
This is conducted by a specially trained Health Visitor.

HOLLINGWORTH

Monday (2nd) (2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.) Immunisation Clinic at which a Medical Officer and Health Visitor attend.

Tuesday (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.) Ante-natal Clinic at which a Health Visitor and Midwife attend.

Wednesday (9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.) Ante-natal Clinic at which a Midwife attends.

Thursday (1st & 3rd) (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.) Child Health Clinic at which a General Practitioner and two Health Visitors attend.

Tuesday (2nd & 4th) (2.00 p.m. - 4.00 p.m.) Young Persons Clinic at which a Medical Officer and two Health Visitors attend.

BROADBOTTOM

A Child Health Clinic is held at the Methodist Church School on the first and third Wednesday of each month and a General Practitioner and a Health Visitor are in attendance.

TINTWISTLE

A General Practitioner and Health Visitor attend the Child Health Clinic which is held in Christ Church School on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

GENERAL

From the above clinics children under five may be referred for opinion or treatment to special clinics. Ophthalmic and Dental cases are dealt with at the Clinic Centre: Orthopaedic and Sunlight Clinics are held at the Physiotherapy Centre, Parsonage Street. Hearing tests of infants are carried out by specially trained Health Visitors.

Details are given in Table II below:-

	<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Professional Consultations</u>
Orthopaedic	79	334	218
Sunlight clinic	13	174	101
Ophthalmic	73	254	-
Dental - Children	37	41	37
Hearing - Children	615	622	-

SALE OF WELFARE AND PROPRIETARY FOODS

National Welfare Foods

National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Cod Liver Oil and Vitamin Tablets are issued from the Divisional Office and from each of the Child Welfare Clinics. Table IIIa gives particulars of the issues during the year.

TABLE III (a)

National Dried Milk	766 tins at 2/4d.....	£89.14. 4
National Dried Milk	998 tins at 4/0d.....	£199.12. 0
National Dried Milk	61 tins free	- - -
Orange Juice	10,114 bottles at 1/6d each	£758.11. 0
Orange Juice	617 bottles free	- - -
Cod Liver Oil	660 bottles at 1/0d.....	£33. 0. 0
Cod Liver Oil	178 bottles free	- - -
Vitamin A & D	928 packets at 6d.	£23. 4. 6
Vitamin A & D	8 packets free	- - -

Proprietary Foods

Certain infant foods, mainly milk and cereal products are available at the Infant Welfare Centres and particulars of sales in Hyde are given in Table III (b). At other clinics the sale of proprietary foods is controlled entirely by the Voluntary Committees and details of sales are not available.

TABLE III (b)

	<u>Total Sales</u>
Clinic Centre, Hyde.....	£77. 0. 0
Bayley Hall	£53. 3. 0
Gee Cross	£71.19.10
Hattersley	£57. 3. 5
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	£239. 6. 3
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NURSING SERVICES

At the end of the year there were six Health Visitors employed on full time duties in the Borough of Hyde and three Health Visitors employed in the Longdendale and Tintwistle districts. (Half of Hattersley is in Longdendale).

During the year three new appointments were made for duties in Hyde. Miss Taylor was also given the duties of Group Advisor in this and the neighbouring divisions - a new post created as a result of the new type of administration of the Nursing services in Cheshire. Another notable and modern feature of the nursing services is the policy of attachment to General Practitioners. In this Division this is now complete and all the practices have been brought into the scheme with resultant benefit to ourselves, the doctors and patients alike.

We now have eight full-time District Nurses employed throughout the Division; one male and seven female, and these are assisted by part-time staff when necessary. The male nurse is employed also in the Stalybridge and Dukinfield Division.

DOMICILIARY MIDWIFERY

		<u>Hyde</u>	<u>Longdendale</u>	<u>Tintwistle</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total number of births in Division					
	Live	665	138	31	834
	Still	15	1	-	16
		680	139	31	850
Delivered at Home					
		<u>Hyde</u>	<u>Longdendale</u>	<u>Tintwistle</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Live	134	26	3	163
	Still	-	-	-	-
		134	26	3	163

IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

Protection is now provided during infancy and school life against the following:-

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough (Pertussis), Tetanus (lock jaw), Poliomyelitis, Measles, T.B. (B.C.G.) and Smallpox.

Many of the courses of vaccination against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, and measles, are given through the County Health Service and the remainder by the General Practitioners in their surgeries. The totals are given in the table that follows:-

NUMBER OF COURSES COMPLETED IN 1969

(Primary = P. Reinforcing = R)

Vaccine			Year of Birth						
			1969	1968	1967	1966	62-65	others under 16	Totals
Diphtheria	) Triple	P	34	231	25	11	16	4	321
Tetanus									
Pertussis		R	-	77	318	76	161	19	651
Diphtheria		P	-	-	1	-	-	171	172
Tetanus		R	-	-	1	-	5	1475	1481
Tetanus		P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		R	-	-	2	5	16	-	23
Poliomyelitis		P	36	221	29	12	13	168	479
		R	-	51	294	74	135	1494	2048
Measles		P	-	46	121	67	118	3	355
		R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Vaccination against smallpox is given by the General Practitioner only and vaccination with B.C.G. against T.B. is given only by the County Health Service or the Hospital Service.

It will be noted that the number of children successfully vaccinated against T.B. remains disappointingly low.

Vaccination against Smallpox

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated in the Division during 1969.

	<u>Under 1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 15</u>	<u>Total</u>	(1968)
Number Vaccinated	9	84	181	15	289	326
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	2	2	4	6

B.C.G. Vaccination

School Children

Number of consent forms issued	1281
Number of consents received	909
Pre-vaccination skin tests	
Number tested *.....	1043
+ve **.....	95
-ve ***.....	823
Follow-up skin tests (12 months)	
Number tested	-
+ve	-
-ve	-
Number vaccinated with B.C.G.	817
Number re-vaccinated with B.C.G.	6
CONTACT SCHEME (excluding work carried out by Chest Physicians)	
Number skin tested	27
Number found positive	-
Number found negative	27
Number vaccinated	99

This includes 72 vaccinated under the age of 13 weeks.

- * includes 183 absentees from previous sessions
 ** 83 of these had received B.C.G. in infancy
 *** 125 of the 1043 tested failed to attend for reading

The total numbers recorded in the Tuberculosis Registers in the Division at 31st December, were:-

	<u>Pulmonary</u>				<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>			
	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Hyde	53	(56)	36	(38)	9	(6)	7(9)	105 (109)
Longdendale	27	(23)	18	(20)	5	(5)	3(3)	53 (51)
Tintwistle	1	(1)	1	(1)	1	(1)	-(-)	3 (3)
	81	(80)	55	(59)	15	(12)	10(12)	161 (163)

(1968 totals are shown in brackets)

The supply of Nursing Requisites, etc.

The issue of nursing requisites, on loan to patients nursed in their own homes continued throughout the year. These articles are stored partly in this office and partly by the District Nurses in their own homes, although, in the case of larger items of equipment, these are issued from the Divisional Office. In addition, there are some items at Hollingworth Clinic and one small store is kept in a private house in Broadbottom (for which a rental of 10/- per annum is paid to the householder).

Once again, through the generosity of residents in the Division it was possible to provide a number of needy families with many items of furniture and equipment. These are greatly appreciated by the recipients.

In addition to this source of supply the W.V.S. have organised a similar service and have co-operated at all times in making this a worthwhile venture.

Convalescent Treatment

The Divisional Health Committee is not responsible for sending patients to convalescent homes where it is really an extension of hospital treatment. Cases following illness treated at home, or where other circumstances in the home necessitate a period of complete rest and a change of environment qualify for this service.

During the year accommodation was arranged for 18 adults and 3 children. Adults in receipt of National Assistance and children of school age are accommodated free of charge.

Chiropody

As the Committee are now well aware, the Chiropody Service is available to persons of pensionable age, certain handicapped people, and expectant mothers. Treatment is provided free to patients whose income falls below a given figure and over 90% of the cases are receiving free treatment.

Patients may go to the Chiropodist of choice provided the Chiropodist has such qualifications as entitle him to be on the approved list of the Cheshire County Council. The patients are enabled to have an initial course of six treatments at monthly intervals, and thereafter to have six treatments every year. In certain very exceptional cases, more frequent treatment may be obtained if authorised by the Divisional Medical Officer.

Details as to the number of persons receiving treatment under the County Scheme at 31st December 1969 are summarised in the following table.

PLACE OF
TREATMENT

CATEGORY OF PERSON

	AGED 65 YEARS AND OVER				PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED				EXPECTANT MOTHERS			
	No. of patients		No. of treatments		No. of patients		No. of treatments		No. of patients		No. of treatments	
	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C	P	C
Chiropodists												
Surgery	449	94	3062	96	12	-	66	-	-	*2	-	2
Home of patient	508	3	2901	3	28	-	75	-	-	-	-	-
Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	*5	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

No. of cases for which County Council paid Full fees 1009 Part fees 86

No. of treatments for which County Council paid Full fees 5741 Part fees 463

"P" - Private Chiropodist.

* 7 patients paid full fees for
9 treatments.

"C" - County Chiropodist.

HANDICAPPED PERSONS

Under Section 29 of the National Assistance Act, the County Council provides Welfare Services for Handicapped Persons and a scheme under this heading has been made the responsibility of the County Health Committee.

Much of the work for handicapped persons in the Division is carried out by voluntary associations who receive grants from the County Council. The Blind Welfare Society at Ashton-under-Lyne and the Ashton Institute for the Deaf carry out much work in the Division.

Car badges used by handicapped persons were issued and/or renewed as necessary.

Early in the year a handicapped persons club was started with the aid of voluntary helpers.

The club meets weekly with a membership of 20 disabled people with varying disabilities and in an approximate age range from 16 years to 50 years.

Throughout the year, craft and social activities, including outings, are arranged by the patients themselves who take a keen interest in the centre. Amongst the days out during the summer were a day in New Brighton and a visit to Manchester Cathedral to see a painting exhibition.

At the end of the year, as well as the Christmas party at the centre, the members arranged a dinner at the "Warren" in Bredbury, to which a family of friends were invited.

It is hoped that during this coming year membership will be increased now that the club is well established.

Mrs. Lewis, the Occupational Therapist, has been visiting the physically handicapped of all ages to assess their physical condition in order to assess their needs. As a result of this a variety of aids have been loaned during the year and various adaptations have been made to help the disabled to be more independent. The table below shows how help has been given during the year.

Walking aids of various types	19
Bathroom and toilet aids	24
Wheelchairs and commodes	12
Hoists	2
"daptations to property	13

Mrs. E. O'Brien, a member of the club, also Art Teacher and occasionally takes painting sessions.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Persons aged 65 years or over on first visit in 1969	452
Aged under 65 on first visit in 1969	
(i) Chronic sick and tuberculous	29
(ii) Mentally disordered	3
(iii) Maternity	12
(iv) Others	32
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	528

Eighty-four Domestic Helps were employed as part-time staff at the end of the year; the total number of hours worked being 75,810 an increase of 14,438 hours over the previous year.

Varying charges for Help are made according to the income of the household and at present range from nil to 6/4d. per hour.

CARE OF THE AGED

Pole Bank Hall and Bowlacre

During the year visits of inspection were made to these two old peoples' homes run by the Borough of Hyde Welfare Committee. At Bowlacre there is accommodation for 43 elderly people, (19 men and 25 women) and at Pole Bank Hall accommodation for 40 women. The homes proved most satisfactory and provided a most useful service for the old people of Hyde.

County Council Welfare Homes

There are several homes throughout the County administered by the County Welfare Committee. The preliminary investigation as to the need and suitability for such accommodation is commonly made by the Health Visitors in the Division.

During the year, 36 cases were referred to the County Welfare Department through the Divisional Office, and 4 were referred by other people, for example by the patient's General Practitioner.

MENTAL HEALTH

During the year the Senior Mental Welfare Officer and members of his staff have investigated and dealt with many cases referred to them for various reasons. The following report is as submitted by the Area Mental Welfare Officer:-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
1. Precis of cases dealt with under the Mental Health Act, 1959.		
1. Section 5. Patients admitted to Hospital informally for Psychiatric treatment	39	63
2. Section 29. Admitted to hospital as a matter of urgency	5	7
3. Section 25. Admitted to hospital for a period of 28 days for observation	24	39
4. Section 26. Admitted to hospital for extended treatment	1	1
5. Section 60 Admitted from Court & 64.	2	-

In addition to the above, the following cases were also dealt with by the Mental Welfare Officers following referral to the department.

32 patients were referred to out-patients clinics during the year, thus obviating the necessity for their admission into hospital.

In 67 cases, information was laid before the Mental Welfare Officer but after investigation of the circumstances, no further action was taken under the Mental Health Act, and they were referred to the appropriate agency whose function it was to deal with such particular problems, i.e. Childrens Department, Probation etc.

2. 12 cases were referred to the County Welfare Department for admission to residential accommodation.

3. 12 subnormal patients were admitted into hostels and private establishments for short term care, to relieve the parents or guardians of their responsibility for a short while.

4. After care of patients discharged from hospital within the District has been carried out throughout the year and in this respect 192 new cases were referred from the Psychiatric Unit, Ashton General Hospital.

5. Domiciliary supervision of subnormal and severely subnormal patients has been carried out within the district and half yearly reports submitted to the County Medical Officer.

The Grange Road Youth Club for the Mentally Subnormal has gone from strength to strength throughout the year and activities have included day trips to Chester Zoo, Belle Vue Circus, Manchester Airport and various other places of interest. Other Youth Club activities such as football matches were organised and proved to be a success. Also various fund raising activities such as Bring and Buy Sales, Coffee Evenings etc. were arranged during the year. A new innovation was the setting up of the Greenfield Psychiatric Social Club, held each Tuesday evening at the Clinic Centre, Hyde. This also is flourishing and the Club did receive a donation of £75 from the County Health Committee for the provision of equipment. Here again the full co-operation of the local Psychiatric Unit has been essential to make the Club the success that it is.

Staff changes Mr. D.J. Dilworth was successful in the final examination of the C.S.W. Certificate at the Manchester Polytechnic and has once more returned to full duties, having been promoted to Deputy Area Mental Welfare Officer.

We lost the services of Miss P. Carr M.W.O. during the year, who successfully gained a position with Somerset County Council Social Services Department, and we hear on the grapevine that since she left us she has got herself engaged to an Officer in the Merchant Navy and is shortly to be married.

Mr. L. Dowson, M.W.O. has been seconded to the Millbank College, Liverpool for two years, in order to obtain professional qualifications in social work.

ADULT TRAINING CENTRE

There has been a gradual increase of Trainees on the register and by the end of the year was over the seventy mark.

Industrial work has been carried out throughout the year for James Galt of Cheadle which was mainly packing component parts into educational teaching aids, or assembling toys and games and plastic coins etc. A considerable amount of packing of gardening gloves and turning of glove linings was again undertaken throughout the year for James North of Hyde. Also bags for Lady Hoare's Jumble Collection Appeal for Thalidomide Children were folded at the Centre ready for distribution by the appeal staff to householders throughout the North West, 4,000 per week being folded throughout the year. During the first half of the year quite a large quantity of carrier bags were part assembled and strung at the Centre.

The swimming project is still going strong each Friday with slow but sure progress. A gala was held at Hyde Baths for both Adults and Junior Trainees at the same time, prior to the Christmas Holiday.

The hospital field at the side of the Centre has been in constant use for recreational purposes whenever weather has permitted. Full cricket equipment was purchased, pads, wicket keepers gloves, full sized professional bats and wickets, also cork balls. We do in fact have one or two really good batsmen and bowlers amongst the Trainees.

The Hazel Grove Committee of the North East Cheshire Society provided an internal broadcasting system at the Centre, which is providing music whilst you work and also music for social occasions at the Wednesday Social Club.

On April 24th a Coffee Evening was arranged for the purpose of increasing Amenity Funds, in anticipation for the Trainees Holiday at Pengwern Hall, North Wales. A very enjoyable evening was had by everyone and the sum of £92 was raised.

On September 23rd permission was granted to close the Centre for the day and all the Trainees and Staff visited Chester Zoo by coach. Everyone enjoyed a well laid 4 course lunch and in the words of the Trainees "had a smashing day out".

Two members of staff returned successfully from the Diploma Course at Hull.

A very successful Christmas dinner was held during the last week of our working year, Dr. Darling and friends from the swimming baths and Area Mental Welfare Officers attending.

The Trainees holiday at Pengwern Hall was held from May 16th to May 23rd. On a wet Friday morning, 46 of our Trainees and 7 staff set off on the journey to Wales. We arrived at Pengwern Hall at 12.30 p.m. in brilliant sunshine, had lunch, allocated the bedrooms and unpacked our suitcases. A trip into Rhyl was planned and we spent the rest of the afternoon on the beach there. Back to Pengwern Hall for tea and the rest of the evening explored the grounds around the hall.

Saturday morning a visit to Colwyn Bay, then a pleasant journey back for lunch. It was decided to spend the whole afternoon on the beach at Rhyl as in the evening we had a long drive through Conway to Bettws-Y-Coed.

Sunday morning we spent at the hall, some played football, cricket and putting in the grounds, some on the swings, others preferred to play in the Games Room, whilst the rest watched the Sunday service on television.

A very enjoyable afternoon was spent at Gwyrrech Castle, we were treated like Royalty and allowed to take the coach right up to the Castle itself. We walked around the fairytale garden, had a ride on the miniature train and then stopped for drinks of tea or minerals. Some of the

more energetic ones climbed up the battlements whilst others just sat in the sun. The evening was spent at Pengwern Hall.

After an early breakfast on Monday, we set off for Anglesey, arriving at Benllech Bay about 11.0 a.m. after a very pleasant drive. About an hour passed in exploring the beach and then into the Sea Shell Cafe for lunch. Back to the beach, where some of the braver ones ventured into the sea. We stopped at Pensarn on the way home and tried to win a fortune at the Penny Slot Machines and Bingo.

As a Talent Contest had been arranged for Tuesday night, Monday evening was spent auditioning for this event.

Some of the Staff and Trainees got down to serious present buying on Tuesday morning in Rhyl, and in the afternoon we travelled to Ffrith Beach where again some went into the sea and others attempted to ride the ponies. After an early tea a visit to the Pavilion Theatre in Rhyl was planned, where we enjoyed the show immensely. The highlight came in the second half when some of our Trainees went on to the stage to sing in the Talent Contest. All those who went forward onto the stage took a present home.

The present buying was finished in Llandudno on Wednesday morning. The afternoon was spent in the grounds of Pengwern Hall sunbathing. About 14 Trainees and 2 staff went again to Ffrith Beach and into the sea finishing up at the Cafe for a cup of tea. We spent the evening in the hall.

Back to Rhyl for the last morning playing cricket and doing last minute shopping, the morning was finished off with cups of tea and a session on the Penny Slot machines. Home to Pengwern Hall to pack and the rest of the afternoon spent around the grounds and on a visit to the Marble Church at Bodelwyddyn for those who were interested. Early to bed to be ready for the journey home next morning.

Friday morning - our "Goodbyes" were said and our thanks to all at Pengwern Hall, so in brilliant sunshine we sent off for home. At Chester a stop for a break and an enjoyable trip along the River, followed by orange juice and crisps, kindly provided by Pengwern Hall. A hot lunch was set before us on arrival at the Centre about 1.30 p.m. Our grateful thanks go to the Staff and helpers, and to our driver "Chris" without whose help the Holiday would not have been the wonderful success that it was.

JUNIOR TRAINING CENTRE

Due to Mrs. Thompkinson the Supervisor moving to take up a new post as Head Teacher at Salford and Mrs. Brewerton the Deputy Supervisor moving to Cyprus, the year started with Mrs. Hibbs taking up the position of Acting Supervisor until April 1969, when Mrs. Glover the newly appointed Supervisor commenced duties. Mrs. Laing a member of the staff was appointed Deputy Supervisor, after successfully gaining her teaching diploma at the Hains College, Preston, returned to the centre in July.

Miss Clark completed her 1st Year at the N.A.M.H. College in Manchester. Mrs. Wardle commenced studying in September 1969 at the same college. We are looking forward to when these two members of the staff return to us as qualified teachers. Meanwhile, we are fortunate in retaining the capable services of Mrs. Ainscough and Mrs. Bancroft as temporary members of the teaching staff.

Mrs. Chantry was appointed as a Nursery Attendant, this was a new post, thus enabling the teachers to spend more time in the teaching of the children, apart from bathroom duties.

During the year we had 5 students. 4 from the N.A.M.H. Manchester College and 1 from the Hains College Preston, for their practical teaching placements.

The number of children on the Register in January was 66, and at the end of the year there were 69 trainees on the Register.

Attendances improved with the weather, as the winter was rather severe and this at times caused havoc with the transport arrangements.

At Easter time each child was given a chocolate Easter Egg, which they took home with their paintings and models after a hard terms work.

Mental Health Week took place from 14th June to 21st June. The centre was open to the public, who came and saw the children in an educational environment, approximately 150 interested people came.

On June 19th, Tuesday, the centre was invited to Moss View J.T.C. Ashton-under-Lyne to take part in a joint Sports Day. We were taken by coach which the N.E. Cheshire Society had provided. The weather kept fine for us and we spent a happy time. Sack, obstacle, egg and spoon, sprint and team races took place throughout the afternoon. There was also a walking race for the not so able, the more severely multiply handicapped had fun throwing bean bags into a basket and putting skittles down with a ball. The prizes were presented by Lancashire County Councillor H. Hunt, Chairman of the Divisional Health Committee.

In July, two trips were organised, the Senior and Junior classes went to Fleetwood and had an exiting time. The Infant and Special Care classes went to Southport this was also a success. The staff were assisted by Mental Welfare Officers whose co-operation on occasions similar to these is very much appreciated.

In the Autumn, the National Union of Teachers held their meeting at the centre, this enabling staff to socially meet prior to transferring under Education, the N.U.T. members were impressed, their spokesman thanked us and showed appreciation in a financial manner.

A Parent/Teachers meeting took place in the Autumn, the Supervisor spoke to the parents, mainly on points concerning all matters that arose within the centre and also on the need for parental co-operation.

The teaching staff were present answering all queries regarding their children's educational programme. The majority of the parents "Fathers" and Mothers attended.

We had an excellent Christmas Party provided by the Rotary Club along with the Centre funds, the entertainments caused much laughter, the presents given by Father Christmas were wonderful.

The children presented "Oliver" for the Christmas concert every child participating. The hard work was worthwhile by the results.

Throughout the year the children continued swimming lessons at Hyde Baths, grateful thanks to the Baths staff.

At the end of the July, we were decorated throughout the building, along with children's work and models, this improved interior decorations, made it a pleasanter atmosphere for all children and staff.

MISCELLANEOUS

Inspections have been made of the Day Nursery at Ashton Brothers, Carrfield Mill, Hyde. This Nursery is registered to have 56 children and has proved satisfactory in all respects.

